

January 7, 1964

Mr. Edward Meerbott, Mgr.
Baker's Shoe Store, #2725
Bellair Plaza Shopping Center
2581 N. Atlantic Avenue
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Meerbott:

In a freight shipment of shoes, in the next little while, there will be a suit case which I would appreciate being given to Mr. Harley Freeman, of ^{Ormond} ~~Daytona~~ Beach, who will come in to get it.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

CC:
Mr. Harley Freeman
353 South Atlantic Avenue
Ormond Beach, Florida

EPN

January 7, 1964

Mr. Harley L. Freeman
353 South Atlantic Avenue
Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Harley:

As I told you, over the telephone, I am completing the purchase of your American Colonial and Continental paper money collection with the books and data relating thereto, and am enclosing herewith a check for \$23,000.00 in full payment of the balance of the purchase price. You have already received \$9,500.00.

I have enjoyed checking over this collection during the course of my determination to buy it and have learned a great deal from your well documented background notations. The detail work which you did on the Georgia pieces is not going to be forgotten and some day I hope that can be published. There is so much that needs to be published in this field that it is a definite challenge to me.

The suit case for the balance of the books is on its way to our Daytona Beach store, as you suggested. I cannot find my key, at the present moment, and would appreciate it if you would send me your key when you have locked it up and shipped it. As I told you, there is a special rate for books shipped by express.

Would you also be nice enough to send me a specific bill of sale covering the collection and signed by you.

I appreciate, very much, your interest in helping me find a proper party to sell the duplicates to. I look forward to hearing from you if such person comes your way.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

EPN

February 4, 1964

Mr. Harley Freeman
353 South Atlantic
Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Harley:

My eyes have been glued to the interesting books and pamphlets which arrived in fine shape. They are certainly very helpful to my library. The Chalmers, on Currency of the British Colonies is one which I have desperately needed for a long time and have been unable to locate.

I will be sending you a reprint of the article now being published in The Numismatist on Nature Printing, even though you read it earlier, as I believe you will find it much more interesting with pictures.

It will take me quite a while to digest your paper money collection and to mend those pieces which require it.

I was particularly amused to find in some of your books, and in some of the envelopes with notes, odds and ends which I had sent to you over the many years.

Your loose leaf inventory and note book is a major treasure and is a resource which, eventually, should be published.

My very best wishes.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

May 22, 1964

Dear Harley:

I think I am going to Cleveland in August so I will see you there. It will be old home week for you.

I want to straighten out the rumors you have been hearing about colonial paper money. I have under consideration writing a catalogue, but this is not certain from my point of view as yet. I hope that ~~xxxxxxx~~ necessary conditions (before I tackle the job) which I have set up are able to be complied with. I see no reason why not. Please don't discuss this matter because it will only start more rumors.

I wrote you already that I had disposed of the single set of duplicates between your collection and mine. This was 1100 pieces. That left me with other duplicates as well as the main combined collection. Nothing more has been disposed of, except perhaps the trade of a piece of two.

The statement you make that more people are seeking colonial paper now than before is problematical. Someone advertised some pieces at fantastic prices and so everyone wants to be able to sell them at the "new market price" which is fictitious. All I see are more examples of greed in numismatics, but at least there are a few of the sincere gang left who get enjoyment out of other than value and who really collect.

If you knew the complete lack of interest I encountered in trying to sell the dups from our joint collections you would know the truth.

Shelling from deep water dredging sounds fabulous. Are they still alive on arrival.

I will send you a copy of my nature printing article when it is reprinted, if you wish.

Cordially yours,

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
353 SOUTH ATLANTIC AVENUE
ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA

Jan. 21, 1964

Sold to: Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

One collection of American Colonial and Continental Currency, consisting of approximately 2500 bills, together with numerous photostatic copies of bills in various museums and private collections. Together with manuscript records compiled by myself, several books, pamphlets, magazine articles, brochures, catalogues and other material pertaining to this subject and to the above collection.

Total price \$32,500.00

Received check dated Oct. 30, 1963	9,500.00
Received check dated Jan. 7, 1964	23,000.00

Paid in full.
Harley L. Freeman

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
353 SOUTH ATLANTIC AVENUE
ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA
32074

Jan. 21, 1964.

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Ave.
P.O. Box 14020
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

Dear Eric:

Your letter of Jan. 7, 1964, together with your check for \$23,000.00, payment of the balance of the purchase price of my collection of Colonial and Continental Currency, was waiting me on my return from Clearwater, where I attended the convention of the Florida United Numismatists. My thanks for your promptness and I hope you enjoy the collection as much as I have over the past 40 years. I am enclosing a bill of sale for the entire transaction which I hope is satisfactory.

As for the convention of F.U.N. It was well attended and the hotel at Clearwater, which was the same one at which we held our first convention but considerably remodeled, had arranged a bourse room for one hundred dealers and a large, spacious exhibit room. They have about as nice a setup for this type of convention as any hotel I have been in of late. The usual crowd was there and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. I left a day early as I planned to visit two other people on my way home. And, believe it or not, except for hotel expenses, I spent just 21¢ at the bourse. Two early post cards of Ormond, Fla. plus the 1¢ state tax.

I have dropped by your local store twice in the past week but the suitcase had not arrived. Will try to get over today and check again and as soon as I get hold of it, will pack up the books and catalogues and get them on their way. Will also mail you the key.

At the convention, I talked to Catherine Jullowa, who might be interested in some of your duplicates and a ~~xxxxx~~ Herb Jenne, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., the new president of F.U.N., who also claimed he wants to buy. You might contact them.

Among others, tho I am sure I have sent you some of these names and of course, you know many of them, are the following who have written me in the past year or so regarding this type of material. You can contact them as you see fit.

Hamilton Hart, 3 Halifax Square, Brunswick, Ga.
Wm. T. Anton, Sr. 12 Main St. Louis, New Jersey
Howard Spain, Waverly, Va.
Valentine Pasvolosky, 241 River Ave., Lockwood, N.J.
Milton J. Smith, P.O. Box 1045, Athens, Ga.
Raymond H. Williamson, 933 Rothwood Rd. Lynchburg, Va.

Jan. 21, 1964.

Mr. Eric P. Newman.

I will probably come across other correspondence as soon as I get a chance to dig into old papers, which I hope to clean out soon. Over the years I have filed just about every letter which contained reference to this subject or indicated an interest of the writer. Many of the writers are long since dead but the letters are still stashed away. Few of the correspondents were collecting the entire series but were trying to form a collection of their particular state. Some were working up material for a masters or doctors degree and I have often wondered how they made out, so few ever bothered to even thank one. Maybe the information I was able to give was of so little value that a thanks was not necessary in their opinion but, what the H---.

Well, guess that's it for now. Oh yes, here is a photostat of a note in Grover Crosswell's collection which I did not have in mine. He sent it to me some months back. I tried to swap something with him at the time but no dice. He collects B.E. material of most any type. Might even be a source to dispose of B.E. duplicates in your collection. Was elected President of the local Halifax Historical Society this past week, have been Secretary for the past three years, so have an easier job now. Hope to merge with another museum group into one large organization and then try to get city help in obtaining a museum building but it will be a struggle. You wouldn't be interested in contributing around fifty or one hundred thousand toward such a worthy project, would you? Might even consider naming the building in your honor. There is money in this area but it's hard to find.

So, till my next letter, the best to you and yours and good luck in disposing of your duplicates.

Sincerely,



EPN

January 23, 1964

Mr. Harley L. Freeman
353 South Atlantic Avenue
Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Harley:

Thank you for your letter of January 21, 1964. I am certainly glad that you are still attending coin conventions and enjoying them, fully, as always.

It was certainly nice of you to make contacts with respect to the sale of overlapping pieces but I believe the problem is solved.

I made a deal on a duplicate collection so all my concern about what was or was not a reasonable price is now over. The buyer is paying me in installments, which isn't the best way to be reimbursed, but I had no other choice.

I immediately tackled the interesting border problems of the Georgia notes and have made some progress in this regard. You certainly did an amazing job in assembling information, not only in that area, but everywhere. I, for one, really appreciate not only the enjoyment you had in assembling your collection and the data in the field, but also the quality of research you did on it.

I would appreciate it if the sales price was kept out of numismatic circulation to the extent possible.

I congratulate you on being President of the Halifax Historical Society and know that you will enjoy that particular work.

I am sure that any time the suit case will arrive at the store and you can fill it with all of the books and pamphlets.

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Mr. Harley L. Freeman

January 23, 1964

As you can guess, I have a lot of work to do to put the Colonial and Continentals into plastic jackets and loose leaf books, for better enjoyment, and will also have to rent a bigger safe deposit box.

Thank you, again, for your patience, and for the privilege of acquiring your magnificent collection.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
353 SOUTH ATLANTIC AVENUE
ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA

Jan 25, 1964

Dear Eric:

Books were shipped
Thursday, the 23rd. Hope you
are satisfied.

Regards

Harley

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
353 SOUTH ATLANTIC AVENUE
ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA

32074

May 17, 1964.

Dear Eric:

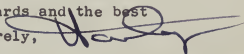
A belated thanks for the copy of the auction catalogue showing the "Florida Piece". I was quite sure I had seen it before and in checking thru my material I found the catalogue but unfortunately not priced. I had it together with several other old catalogues which offered these old Proclamation Pieces of Florida. Some day if I get ambitious I hope to write up what I have been able to find on these pieces and trace their auction records. By the way, how would you like to be able to buy some of the lots shown on that page at the prices they then brought?

From various reports I understand you have moved all of your duplicate material and are working on a listing of the bills. Will look forward to seeing your list when published. It seems funny but since you purchased my material it seems more collectors are seeking some of the "little brown bills" as old John Richardson used to call them, than at any time in the past several years. Frankly, none who have written me are what I would call serious collectors, wanting a few of this or that colony but I do believe an up to date check list might stimulate interest. Has John Ford done anything with the Boyd material that you know of?

I am ~~now~~ a quite serious shell collector. Not that my interest is anything new for we have collected for the past several years, locally and world wide but since we are now able to obtain deep water dredgings, unsorted and just as it comes from the deeper waters, we have had a whole new world of species opened up for us to explore. With the aid of a 8-40 power microscope and some hand glasses we have already sorted some 600 different species from this material and I will guarantee it is a whole lot more reasonable than collecting Numismatic material. Besides finding them the trying to identify them is the part which appeals to me. Many of them have never been named or even found before.

Again my thanks for the Xerox copy and don't forget your promise to eventually write up the subject in which we both are quite interested. If you will be at Cleveland in Aug. I hope to see you. Regards and the best

Sincerely,



HARLEY L. FREEMAN
353 SOUTH ATLANTIC AVENUE
ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA 32074

Aug. 7, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric:

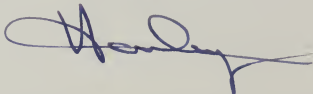
You, I am sure are familiar with the project of the SPMC to revise the Wismer lists, originally under the supervision of Fred Marckhoff but now headed by Richard Hooper. I am taking on Florida and since Fred's lists for Nebraska and Utah, which were all ready for the printers, are still being tied up by his brother, they are asking me to rush Florida.

I have just finished my final typing and already some 60 or more notes have been photographed for illustration but before sending my in final draft, I thought it might be smart to check with a couple of you collectors who so kindly listed their holdings for me some years back. So, have you added anything in Fla. currency in recent years and if so, would you mind listing it for me? Bank or issuer, denomination, date will do for a start. If it appears to be something new for my records, I may later ask for more detail or a photostat. Scrip and railroad issues are to be included in the revised lists. To date I have listed close to 400 different items and that does not count serial or plate letters which I am also including. It has been quite a task and fortunatly, most everyone has co-operated with me.

Meanwhile, how are you getting along with your work on the Colonials? From time to time I see notes offered which I am sure must have come from my former collection for on the basis of Mr. Budde's studies, those notes just have not appeared on the market in thirty or more years. His latest letter stated that he now had over 55,000 different listings compiled from auction or sale records over the past 90 or more years.

Please let me hear from you at your convenience but don't wait too long as I do want to get my lists to Dick. With kind regards, I am.

Sincerely,



August 10, 1966

Mr. Harley L. Freeman

Eric P. Newman

Dear Harley:

I have nothing new in Florida pieces and Dick Hooper wrote me that you had already sent in your material to him.

I know that you have gotten a lot of pleasure out of assembling the currency for your new home state.

The type is now set on the book on Colonial paper money. There will be approximately 650 pictures, all of which I have tediously assembled. I should be exhausted from the endless detail in getting the data together and from checking proofs, etc. but, actually, I enjoyed it tremendously. I did rearrange the Georgia issues and have described all known varieties by language.

I am about ready to begin page makeup and galley proofs. If you would like to go over the book in this stage you certainly may do so as far as I am concerned but, frankly, I would just like to surprise you with a completed book. I would not want to put you through the workout of trying to find errors which I obviously have made.

I was a little upset for a time that Mr. Budde would not cooperate at all but I think I have everything under control without his data.

I did not price the items and left that to Dick Picker and Ben Douglas. I told the publisher that I preferred to avoid having anything to do with prices but the publisher insisted that prices be included as to generally available items. No doubt after the book is out Budde can have his fling at me.

It is hard to believe that 55,000 Colonial notes were sold at auction and identified sufficiently to be helpful.

Above all, I hope you will find the book to be worthwhile as without your original record book I am sure I could not have completed the work.

I am going to the convention in a couple of days and presume that you are not going as you did not mention it in your letter.

My very kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

E·N/atb

MEMORANDUM

April 14, 1965

TO Mr. Harley Freeman

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Harley:

I recently acquired from Europe an uncut strip of three Georgia notes, a photocopy of which is enclosed. It is particularly interesting because notes of different sizes were printed simultaneously, as indicated by the enclosed Xerox copy. I thought you would be interested.

I am still working on the Colonial Paper Money Catalog and hope that it will be finished within two months. I have done an enormous amount of work but without your amazing basic material it would have taken me much, much, longer.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
353 SOUTH ATLANTIC AVENUE
ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA 32074

Sept. 22, 1966

Dear Eric:

Received your note and the copy of the Pensacola item in the morning mail so am dashing off my reply tonite to get it in tomorrows mail as I will be tied up pretty much all day and not able to write a letter.

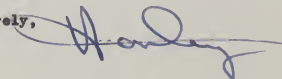
Enclosed is a Xerox copy of a similar note in my own collection, acquired several years ago from John Ford in an exchange. Somehow I feel that Picker must have gotten his note from Ford for John never let anything get away from him unless he had duplicates.

I have included my note in my lists under Pensacola, explaining that in the 1770s, Pensacola was under English rule and Panton, Leslie & Co. were the fiscal agents of the British Government, as they had been of the Spanish Government before, and this was probably a form of currency used by that agency. It is just a wild guess but the only explanation I could come up with.

My note is on rather heavy watermarked paper with faint lines, which may be what you mean by laid paper. White or rather sort of cream, due probably to age and it's a beautiful job of engraving.

May I keep the copy you sent me? You are welcome to the enclosed and if you wish to see the original, I will be happy to send it to you. Have you any idea what Picker asks for his note? Hope the above may give you some leads but I don't know where. regards.

Sincerely,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 28, 1967

Mr. Harley L. Freeman
353 South Atlantic Avenue
Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Harley:

Your very kind comments concerning EARLY PAPER MONEY OF AMERICA are particularly appreciated because they are from you.

There is no doubt that your notebook was the foundation. I rechecked everything in your notebook, adding, revising and clarifying. It certainly was valuable to me to have had the photostats which you accumulated.

You, of all people, can appreciate how much work I did after realizing how much work you did. It was a labor of love for each of us.

You asked whether I used your old photostats. In some cases I did; in other cases I had Xeroxes made of the bills themselves and in still other cases photographs of the bills themselves. The illustrations go a long way to make the book attractive and I assembled enormous quantities of them before picking one for every issue, the exception being when there were more than one size or style of bill in one issue.

I will be publishing a supplement, or a second edition if it is required, and will include anything omitted from the first edition. I, therefore, will have to check the Western Reserve collection for the scrip items you mention. Since I cut off with the date 1789, I am wondering if you could tell me of any scrip items you know of which are not included. I did not feel justified in adding the small change notes of the 1790-1800 period. My mind is open, however.

As to how many copies Whitman printed, this is a matter which was entirely within their control and I believe is not disclosed.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

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Mr. Harley L. Freeman

February 23, 1967

You may be interested in knowing that I acquired the Marckhoff collection.

I am certainly looking forward to seeing what you do in the Florida paper money publication and can assure you that yours, at least, will be complete and accurate. I am afraid that a number of the others haven't even checked the Western Reserve or my collection to make their work accurate. I wonder if they even worked on the bank note books, properly.

Thank you, again, for your very nice letter.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
353 SOUTH ATLANTIC AVENUE
ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA 32074

March 4, 1967.

Dear Eric:

The latest on the Florida paper is that I should receive the proofs some time this next week and then return them to George Wait for any corrections he cares to make so, it should not be too long now before it is ready. The illustrations should be sharper than in your book as they are all from photographs but I hope they do as nice a job over all.

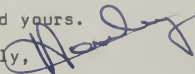
Am glad you got the Marckhoff material. Will you allow the SPMC to use his Utah manuscript, which was all ready for the printer? In acquiring this collection, you obtained a number of notes, formerly in my collection and by the way, when you get around to sorting out the material, there is one note of Florida, Perdido Bay Lumber Co. of Pensacola, Fla. which Fred had promised me eventually. We just had not been able to get together on a price. If you are not especially interested, I am. Off hand I do not recall if it was the 25¢-50¢ or \$1.00 note as my records are in the vault.

As I mentioned in my letter, all of my early scrip was sold with my collection and off hand I do not recall details. I am sure however, you will find many of those early notes in the Western Reserve Historical Society collection. You will also find a wealth of altered, raised and counterfeit notes which will require considerable study. It is too bad that some of the so called researchers do not have access to this collection before submitting their manuscripts. As for your collection, I hope I have not left out anything of Florida in my efforts. You did allow me to check your material some years back but as you are constantly adding to it, you just may have picked up some scrip unknown to me.

Do you bother with tokens? That is my next project, Florida only, but I already have over 500 listed and am getting it ready for TAMS.

Regards and the best to you and yours.

Sincerely,



March 23, 1967

Mr. Harley Freeman

Eric P. Newman

Dear Harley:

I reviewed the Minnesota manuscript and made a tremendous number of suggested changes.

I used your opinion that the items should not be numbered and hope that the Paper Money Society Committee goes along. I tried to show him how silly a solid numbering system was when I added ten or fifteen items to the list.

As far as Marckhoff's manuscripts are concerned, I don't know whether I have them or not as I have about ten unopened packing cases of books and literature in Chicago. I hope they contain them.

I have followed your suggestion and have written Fred Rosenthal with respect to the Western Reserve Historical Society's collection and he has agreed to check through it for early material to add to my book.

In the Marckhoff collection there was the 25¢ Perdido Bay Lumber Company note. Do you have a note issued by Florida Territory, in duplicate, as that would be something I would like to have and could then let you have this one. Ordinarily, I never part with an item which is not a duplicate but in your case I can't say "no".

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/etb

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
353 SOUTH ATLANTIC AVENUE
ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA 32074

April 8, 1967

Dear Eric:

I do not have a single duplicate of the Territory of Florida issue altho at one time I had a complete set of four. Sold it for \$300 or \$350 some years back. There is just a vague chance that I can pick up a single note and will see what I can do but it will take considerable dickering and my trade material is pretty darn low. This party wants to trade, not sell. The 25¢ Perdido Bay Lumber Company note is the one Fred M. and I were dealing over.

If Fred Rosenthal really takes time to check thru the WRHS collection, I am sure he can come up with notes which will add to your book.

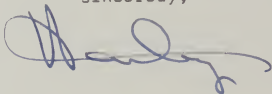
By the way, do you know anything about an issue of "California Exchange"? Payable on demand in gold or silver. Notes were engraved May 1, 1854 but over-written date of 1862. It may be that the note was sent to you recently for inspection but again, maybe not. Indian standing at left, Indian maid at right. Was it a California issue or not and if not, where was it from?

Do you plan to attend the convention in Miami? I am hoping to be there and would enjoy talking to you. Your recent book is getting good reviews and deservedly. It fills a long felt want. I hope the Wismer revisions are favorably received for they should boost interest in obsolete currency, a never ending series. I never will understand why collectors will spend time filling punched out boards with well worn pennies and dimes when they could be turning up notes never before recorded.

If I can not locate one of the Territorial notes, what is the alternative?

Regards and the best.

Sincerely,



HARLEY L. FREEMAN
353 SOUTH ATLANTIC AVENUE
ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA 32074

May 25, 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
P.O.Box 14020
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

Dear Eric:

I have just returned from a short visit to my old home town, Cleveland, Ohio, to attend the 50th reunion of my class at Case Tech. Of course, when I graduated, it was known as Case School of Applied Science and we had six engineering courses to choose from. Now the number of courses is almost unlimited and looking over the list of subjects now taught, I don't even know what the damn things mean. We had six buildings, they now have fourteen and several under construction. The school is now integrated with Western Reserve University, which happens to be right next door and their combined endowments place them in the top ten private universities in the country. I was properly impressed but somehow, glad I graduated when I did.

Now to your offer of May 11th, regarding the Perdido Bay Lumber Co. 25¢ note. I will have to refuse to accept the note under those conditions. Unfortunately, neither Mrs. Freeman or the co-executor of my estate is familiar with my numismatic collections, that is one reason I decided to dispose of my Colonial and Continental collection, my obsolete currency collection and several other groups when I did. To ask either of them to select one specific note from several hundred and return it to you or your Education Society, at some distant date, impresses me as just placing an additional burden on them and heaven only knows, settling my estate will be problem enough.

I was involved in a similar proposition some years back when T. James Clarke promised me his James Wilson note and indicated he had bequeathed it to me in his will. I never figured to obtain it but Jim evidently knew his time was here and sent me the note a week before he died. I might not be in a position to do that. And, if Jim had made such a stipulation in his will, his executors never contacted me to see if I had received the note.

So, my thanks and for the present I will be satisfied with the Xerox copy you enclosed. Your note is returned together with the several copies of your suggested agreement. My regards to you and your nice wife and hope to see you in Miami.

1 note returned
3 copies of agreement enc.

Sincerely,





ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 11, 1967

Mr. Harley L. Freeman
353 South Atlantic Avenue
Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Harley:

I have a great idea.

I am enclosing the 25¢ Perdido Bay Lumber Company, Pensacola, Florida, scrip note dated October 1, 1874, No. 14, on the following basis:

You shall have the right to keep it as long as you live or until you dispose of your Florida paper money collection, whichever is sooner. At that time it can come back to me or, if I am not around, to the Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society. The risk of loss by theft or casualty will be mine, not yours, as I am retaining title to it.

I am glad to be able to please you in this matter without being involved in getting commercial with respect to it.

If the foregoing meets with your approval, please sign and return two duplicates hereof.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

Harley L. Freeman

EPN/atb

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OF COINS, CURRENCY AND HISTORIC OBJECTS

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 12, 1969

Mr. Harley L. Freeman
353 South Atlantic Avenue
Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Harley:

Since you were the first one to work on sheet structure, I thought you would be interested in a new discovery in the Yale University Library and am enclosing herewith a copy as printed in The Papers of Benjamin Franklin. It shows, for the first time, that the denominations were moved around in the form. It also shows that a surplus was printed. It also shows that they were master jugglers in working out the formulas to produce the desired amounts.

Please note that in the fourth group, that the 5s notes must have been with a face and back on the same side of the sheet or else they never would produce twice as many of those as the other denominations on that sheet. The other denominations had no backs. In this way an A and B plate would not be necessary as the sheet would be flipped so that only part of the printing form was used on the other side.

You had long since come to these conclusions and I agreed with you but its nice, after all these years, to see our friend, Franklin, outline, specifically, what he did in handling this Delaware issue.

I conclude, from his letter, that the inclusion in the Delaware listing of a 20s note was an innocent error.

When I revise the book I will be able to give sheet structure on many others now that I have assurance from the enclosed document.

I certainly look forward to seeing you whenever our paths can cross and send you my very best.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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July 14, 1967

Mr. Harley L. Freeman
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Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Harley:

I am sure you are delighted to be the first one to complete a book in the new Wismer project. I admire the manner in which you stick to your guns as expressed in the foreword. The publication as a whole not only has an excellent appearance but your detail is just what all of us are so glad to have available.

I fully realize the amount of work which you put into this fine book and also the amount of pleasure you got out of completing it. I only hope the work done on the other states is of similar quality. I certainly hope that your Florida obsolete book has a chain reaction on the other books that are being written and that soon many others will be published. Your illustrations came out very well and the fact that they are all natural size eliminates so many problems.

I certainly wish I were going to be present at the ANA convention to congratulate you personally but so many others will that your hand will be tired. You have set the pace for others to follow.

My kindest regards, and thanks.

Sincerely yours,

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BC: Mr. Richard Hooper

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
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May 25, 1969

Mr. Eric P. Newman
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Thank you very much for the Xerox copy from the Franklin papers in the Yale Library. It adds an interesting slant to the Delaware issues of 1746 and 1753. I do not recall if I listed ~~the~~ four smaller denominations of 1746, in my records which I turned over to you but they were not listed in my first compilation. Rodney, in his Colonial Finances of Delaware, may have mentioned them. I had no record of any of them existing.

I did list plate letters A and B for the 5-10-15-20 shilling notes and as I recall, the 10 and 15 shill. notes were known with the letter A. The 20 shill. note is known with both letters A and B. No 5 shill. note was known to me. If however, plates were made for the 5sh. A and B. as I suggested in the 1846 issue, use of both of those plates in the issue of 1753 could account for the 400 amount, indicated by Franklin. That sort of discounts your theory of flipped plates. I imagine the only way that either theory can ever be proven is to have some of the bills located and at this late date, I doubt that will ever happen. The discovery of the Franklin article does however provide data as to the exact amount of each denomination printed.

From time to time I drag out my records and data pertaining to the so called "First Issue of Georgia, 1776" and try to reconstruct the plates as I did with the later issues but I know there are some notes which must have been printed but never were available to me. When I was actively collecting, I either bought or asked to see, every note of that issue which was offered for sale. Now, I do not intend to become so involved so I just try to re-group my data at hand and solve the riddle. Maybe some day you will turn up an uncut sheet and save me the trouble.

I continue to add to my Florida currency collection and have added close to twenty new varieties or denominations to the published lists. George Wait wants me to list them for publication by the Society and I plan to do that shortly. They will probably run them as an article in the Journal.

With the cooperation of half a dozen collectors, I am compiling a list of tokens used in this state. The lists now run to something over 800 and I am sure we have only scratched the surface. When possible I try to obtain information as to when and why the tokens were issued and have heard some rather odd stories and reasons. The Token and Medal Society have offered to publish the lists, either in the Journal or in book form. I believe that token collecting will really come into it's own one of these days, just as paper money is doing. The field is unlimited and there is so much opportunity for research.

Nice hearing from you Eric and keep up your good work. If you ever come across anything new from this state, either currency or tokens, please advise me so I can incorporate it in my records.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harry F. Newman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "H" and a long, sweeping underline.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

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May 28, 1969

Mr. Harley L. Freeman
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Dear Harley:

Thanks for your interesting letter.

While you did not formally list the small denominations of the 1746 Delaware issue in your note book there is a pencil notation which indicates you saw an 18d. From this I could assume the low denominations existed and included them. The 5s, 10s and 15s actually have no plate letters so I corrected that phase of your notes. The 20s has A and B. This meant to me that there were many more 20s than the other large denominations.

I could not find my record of denominations for the 1753 issue and assumed it replaced all denominations of the 1746 issue. I assumed incorrectly. The 15s and 20s were not replaced as per Franklin's letter. This is what happened in the 1739 replacement issue also.

As I see it here is what happened.

Franklin used 40 quire of sheets to make 4000 notes of the 4 lowest denominations. This is 1000 sheets at 25 to the quire. (25 instead of 24 was often used). This means 4 pieces of each denomination on a sheet. There were no backs on the lowest denominations. Thus two each (A and B) of each denomination were printed on one side of one surface and the other side of the same surface left blank. The sheet was then flipped and reprinted. This created 8 faces on one side of the one surface of the sheet and eight faces on the opposite side of the back of the sheet.

When backs are needed the backs must be printed at the same time as the face. Thus on the second sort there were two 1s, two 2/6, two 5s and two 10s on one side of the one surface and only the four backs on the other side of the same surface. When flipped the backs joined the proper faces. Thus 5s and 10s had two faces each and two backs each but we cannot find plate letters on them.

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Mr. Herley L. Freeman

May 28, 1969

In the use of half sheets for the 1th sort there were eight notes on a sheet, four faces on each surface. The four were one 1/6, one 2/6 and two 5s.

Does this make sense now? I think the problem you raised is solved. The flip is essential in the sheet count.

I will let you know if I see any Florida goodies.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Richard Picker

Mr. Philip Keller

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 28, 1971

Mr. Harley Freeman
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Dear Harley:

Seeing your picture and the article about you in Numismatic News suggested that I write to you.

I am so glad you are keeping active, numismatically, and I look forward to being present when you receive your 50-year membership in the ANA in New Orleans when we can have a good talk.

Your favorite subject, Colonial Paper Currency, is still very close to my heart and I have several hundred changes which will be made in the book if it is reprinted, which I hope will be the case. I have received steady correspondence from all over the world on that subject and with the Bi-Centennial approaching, it will develop more interest.

I just gave a talk before the Manuscript Society and recall that many years ago you contributed to their publication.

Very shortly the American Philosophical Society will publish a paper money article which I gave as a talk before one of their meetings.

My very kindest regards, and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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Nov. 7, 1971

Dear Eric:

Nice hearing from you again and I thank you for the copy of Numismatic News. I knew they were snapping pictures but had no idea they were for publication as I do not subscribe to either Coin World or Numismatic News, I did not know what they were saying.

Am glad you are unearthing more information pertaining to the Colonial issues and will be happy to see the results if you ever publish. I am bringing my Florida lists up to date and will shortly submit the results to the Society. If you have anything new to add pertaining to either Florida currency or tokens, please advise me. My token lists now run to over 1200 and I plan to submit them to TAMS.

Doubt that I will get to New Orleans. Mrs. Freeman is not too well and I hesitate to leave her alone. Again my thanks and with warm regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. Freeman', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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Dec. 1, 1971

Mr. Eric P. Newman
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric:

In replying to Tom Fitzgerald, of Vero Beach, Fla., I had occasion to refer to your good book on the Colonial Currency. He sent me a copy of the North Carolina note he had recently acquired which did not fit in with any issues you and I had recorded and frankly, I could not explain it either. He advised me that he had shown it to both you and Walter Breen and that he had done some checking in North Carolina at Raliegh.

I dug up my original records which, tho not as complete as the re-typed copies I gave you when you acquired my collection, still contain most of the data I compiled. In checking these against the listings as published in your book I come across one error altho frankly, no one unless he was doing a complete research on the subject, would ever discover. On page 226, issues of July 14, 1760 and April 23, 1761, the printer has transposed the lists of denominations and amounts of each. There may be other similar errors but I for one am not about to proof read the entire book.

The only possibility of anyone ever discovering the error would be some collector locating a ~~2s~~ 2s 6d- 3s or 4s note with the date of April 23, 1761 and not finding it so recorded. He would probably write you that he had located an unlisted denomination. So, if ever you reprint the book, it might be wise to double check and make any necessary corrections.

I seriously doubt that I will get to the next ANA convention altho Doug Ferguson and myself are due to receive our fifty year gold pins. Mrs. Freeman is not too well and I hesitate to leave her alone and she will not travel. I did fly up to Cleveland recently to receive a gold plated medal for being the only charter member of the Western Reserve Numismatic Club but that also gave me an opportunity to visit our new factory building, now four years old. All for now. Regards

Sincerely,

Harley
Freeman

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

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December 8, 1971

Mr. Harley Freeman
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Dear Harley:

The Fitzgerald North Carolina note was in the book and the text only needed some correction to cover the date of the Act. This is one of the hundreds of revisions I have made so far. I am glad to add an illustration as no specimen was located before.

The 1760-1781 mixup in the North Carolina section of the book was due to paste ups done by the printer. It has been called to my attention several times so someone must be reading the material.

I am hoping to have a revised edition as I have enough new material and changes. I would like to see it done by 1976, but Whitman Publishing Company may not be able to come out economically. I may have to subsidize the revision.

I am sorry your wife's health does not permit her to travel.. I hope my health holds out as I have so much I want to write but don't have time to get to.

Best wishes for the Holidays.

Cordially,

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Oct. 8, 1973

Dear Eric:

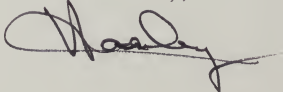
I am getting together material for a supplement to my book on Florida Currency. I plan to turn it over to the Society for publication in "Paper Money".

Wonder if you have come across anything new which should be included or any changes or additions you care to suggest. I have about fifty new denominations and issues to record.

And, if by any chance you have tokens of Florida, I would like to know about them. My lists now run around 1600 and I plan to offer these to TAMS.

Hope you and your nice wife are enjoying life and good health and that you are adding many nice items to your fabulous collection. Regards.

Sincerely,

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October 12, 1973

Mr. Harley L. Freeman
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Dear Harley:

It was delightful to hear from you. We have been enjoying life in a number of interesting ways. We both work full time, but that did not stop us from going to the International Numismatic Congress in New York, Baltimore and Washington, or from taking a lovely trip to New Guinea this summer. We do all the things parents should do, including forgetting the birthdays of grandchildren.

I am so glad you are continuing your research and publications. I have never stopped, and I am now, among other things, revising Early Paper Money of America for a Bicentennial publication. I will admit that Colonial paper money has given me as much satisfaction as any field in Numismatics in which I have worked. If you have any suggestions to improve the book I wrote, please feel free to make them.

Unfortunately I have nothing to add to your Florida data.

I know our paths will cross again, and I look forward to seeing you, as always.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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